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NOVEMBER 22 AP ITEM FROM SEOUL BY BARRY SCHWEID FOLLOWS:

1. HENRY A. KISSINGER MAY BE TAKEN ON A MYSTERY TRIP NEXT WEEK WHILE HE IS IN CHINA--TO THE SECRET HIDEAWAY OF MAO TSE-TUNG.

2. THE SECRETARY OF STATE STARTED THE BALL ROLLING BY ASKING FOR A HALF-DAY OF "SIGHTSEEING." NOW IT IS UP TO THE CHINESE TO DECIDE WHETHER TO TAKE HIM TO MAO.

3. THE CHINESE USUALLY DO NOT RUSH INTO THINGS AND KISSINGER MAY NOT FIND OUT WHETHER HE IS TO HAVE AN

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AUDIENCE WITH THE EIGHTY-YEAR-OLD COMMUNIST PATRIARCH

UNTIL HE ARRIVES IN PEKING ON MONDAY.

4. IF HE SEES MAO, THE CHINESE MAY ASK HIM NOT TO DISCLOSE WHERE THE VISIT TAKES PLACE. THAT HAS BEEN THEIR PRACTICE WITH OTHER FOREIGNERS IN RECENT MONTHS.

5. KISSINGER'S OLD PARTNER IN U.S.-CHINESE DETENTE, PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI, 76, IS KNOWN TO BE EXTREMELY ILL.

EVEN IF THEY GET TOGETHER, IT WILL BE MOSTLY FOR OLD TIMES' SAKE.

6. ON THIS TRIP TO THE MAINLAND, HIS FIRST IN A LITTLE MORE THAN A YEAR, KISSINGER WILL BE DEALING WITH A NEW FOREIGN MINISTER, CHIAO KUAN-HUA. CHIAO, 66, WAS PROMOTED ONLY THIS MONTH. AS CHINA'S LEADING REPRESENTATIVE AT THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HE IS AN INTERNATIONALIST WHO IS SAID TO ENJOY CHOU'S CONFIDENCE.

7. THE BASIC PURPOSE OF KISSINGER'S VISIT IS TO ASSURE THE CHINESE THAT THERE ARE NO DEALS BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND SOVIET LEADER LEONID I. BREZHNEV BEHIND CHINA'S BACK AT THIS WEEKEND'S MEETING IN VLADIVOSTOK.

8. A SUMMONS FROM MAO WOULD BE TAKEN TO MEAN THE CHINESE ARE CONFIDENT ABOUT U.S. FRIENDSHIP AND WANTS THE NEW RELATIONSHIP ACCELERATED.
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